MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know why that bridge was not expedited till now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reports that the right abutment of the bridge has been completed and the foundation for the left started. The work must go on before it is completed.

Prescription of Text-Books.

114. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who is responsible for prescribing text-books;

(*b*) the time limit for a text-book; and

(*c*) whether any alteration was made in the time limit recently?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) According to the rules in force the time limit for text books except those prescribed for public examinations, is three years.

(*c*) Yes. The time limit has been provisionally altered into one year for the current school year, pending a further consideration of the matter by the Government.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the Government whether there is a Text-book Committee for prescribing text-books for schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not for *prescribing*.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction is responsible for prescribing text-books?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, he is given power to *select* text-books.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Text-Book Committee has any power or any hand in the matter of prescribing text-books?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They send a list of approved books for the final choice of the Director.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction is authorised to select text-books in all the languages *i. e.*, English, Malayalam, Tamil, etc.?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, I think so.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether any G. O. was issued regarding the alteration of the rules in force on the question of the time limit for text-books?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a provision in the rules. According to the rules 3 years is the time limit.

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): But may I know from the member whether those rules have been altered now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. They have not been altered.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Am I to understand that the Director of Public Instruction has got the power of altering the rules?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has not.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): I want to know whether the Director has recommended to Government the alteration of the rules?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, he has.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Has he got sanction from the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has got sanction so far as this year is concerned.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is any necessity for the alteration of the rules now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Government are aware that if the rule regarding time limit is altered there will be a great hardship to the people.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Another question of opinion.

Street lighting in Pala.

115. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are not aware that in the town of Pala population has increased and trade has progressed much within the last twenty years;

(*b*) whether they have made any arrangements for the introduction of street lighting in this town, where many people, motor vehicles, merchants and travellers are always moving about;

(*c*) whether they are not aware that twenty years ago they had introduced street lighting in this town; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that, considering also the progress made during the succeeding two decades, failure to introduce street lighting now in this town is causing considerable difficulties to the people?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) No.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): ഡി. ഭാഗത്തിൽ വിവരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെൻറ് No

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